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Re: MB Docket No. 05-311 (reporting permit-but-disclose *ex parte* communications pursuant to §1.1206(b)(2); electronically filed pursuant to §1.49(f))

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 8, 2006, MMTC had two meetings regarding the above-referenced matter: (1) Commissioner Michael Copps and his Legal Advisors, Jordan Goldstein and John Giusti, Esqs. (3:00 PM) and (2) Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his Legal Advisors, Rudy Brioche and Barry Ohlson, Esqs. (4:00 PM). Our delegation consisted of Gloria Tristani (second meeting only), MMTC Managing Director David Lowenstein, MMTC Fellow Joseph Miller, and myself.

We made the following points: (1) minorities and the poor particularly need competitive video services with as little delay as possible, provided redlining is deterred and corrected when it arises; (2) although many companies have developed effective anti-redlining policies, some redlining inevitably will occur, based on the Commission's long experience with cable and telecom regulation and based on civil rights organizations' experiences with other industries; (3) LFAs have experience addressing redlining and the Commission should allow the LFAs to apply that experience; (4) because some LFAs lack expertise or resources to develop anti-redlining policies and practices, the Commission should ask its Advisory Committee on Diversity to develop best practices that could be commended to LFAs to help develop sound anti-redlining practices and thus allow new entry with minimal delay; and (5) redlining is not the same thing as buildout and it is possible to develop anti-redlining policies that do not impose buildout requirements.

Sincerely,

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